

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition.

1. Contracting Activity : The Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Medical Center, Dayton, OH, VISN 10 Contracting – Dayton Facility. Purchase Request Number: 552-14-2-6932-0019.
2. Nature and/or Description of Action Being Processed: The requirement of contractor to utilize Edwards/EST manufactured components for the fire alarm system for the Renovate Patient Kitchen B411 Project No: 552-14-102.
3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: As part of a project to renovate Building 411, housing Food and Nutrition section located at the Dayton VAMC, a new fire alarm system components will be integrated into the existing campus wide fire alarm. The building needs to maintain its connection to the existing campus fire alarm system in order to maintain proper fire protection measures. Estimated Value for the Fire Alarm System;
\$ _____
4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:
 - (X) 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (1) Only One Responsible Source
 - () 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency
 - () 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (3) Industrial, Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability or Expert Services
 - () 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (4) International Agreement
 - () 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute
 - () 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (6) National Security
 - () 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (7) Public Interest
5. Demonstration of Contractors Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (Applicable Authority): The Edwards/EST system is used throughout the medical center to achieve integration of fire alarm systems in all buildings.
6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that offers are solicited from as many Potential Sources as practicable: The fire alarm system that is utilized at the Dayton VAMC is Edwards/EST. Edwards/EST must be used in order to tie in to the existing system. All IT addressable devices must be compatible with the existing system. No other manufacture can provide addressable devices that are compatible.
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable : It is in the best interest of the government to use this product. The pricing will be provided as a part of equipment available in the commercial market place. The price will be determined to be fair and reasonable to the government based on competition.
8. Description of Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: Multiple manufactures products can provide devices that are compatible with the Edwards/EST fire system e.g. sirens and visual alarms. The exceptions associated with the J&A are the devices that are addressable, e.g. smoke detectors, heat detectors and pull stations, and these devices will need to be provided by the original equipment manufacturer (Edwards/EST).

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other Than Full and Open Competition: Maintenance and system familiarity, while secondary to the issue of warranty or UL Listing, are other important factors to consider. Engineering is charged with maintaining and administering the Fire Alarm system. Attempting to introduce a new Fire Alarm System of a different manufacture with different software would no doubt compromise the ability of Fire Departments to maintain the physical security of the facility efficiently, let alone the other issues of how a different manufacture system would be able to communicate with the existing system.
10. Listing of Interested Sources That Expressed, In Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition : N/A
11. A Statement of Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome Barriers to Competition before Making Subsequent Acquisitions for the Supplies and Services Required: Solicitations for future requirements will utilize "Brand Name or Equal" language, if it is in the Government's best interest to do so. The current requirement must be solicited using a brand name description because the Government needs to create an exact copy of a system/item that is currently in use at the Dayton VAMC
12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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7-18-2014

Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

- a. Contracting Officers Certification: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Donald P. Tam
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- b. NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and Above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition:



Terry L. Spitzmiller
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Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10

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Date